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Grades 9—12

## 1st Place—Eleanor Dunnigan

### Musings

Somber moon, how do you weep the  
stars?

Don't your eyes ever get weary?

You've cried me a broad, deep sky of  
candles,

And I make messes when I'm teary.

Lowly man, what reasons have you to  
smile?

Are they memories or dreams?

From the gap-ridden, crooked grin you  
share,

You're no better off, it seems.

Wailing child, are there horrors that  
you've known?

An ugly picture you can't unsee?

Though yours is a soft, yellow, cradled  
world,

You feel sorrow worse than me.

Little, bitter girl, what provoked your  
scowling?

Was it a word, a whip, the wind?

I look and see only your blossoming  
youth

And the promise of the world you're in.

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